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Tim Bourke's Problem

9. CONTACT

Dealer South. Both Vul.

NORTH

♠ K 6
♥ A K 5
♦ 8 5 4
♣ Q 7 5 3 2

SOUTH

♠ A J 2
♥ 7 3 2
♦ K 6 3 2
♣ A K 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	3NT	All pass	1NT*

* 15-17

How will you make nine tricks after West leads the seven of spades? Also, how will you play if East gains the lead and shifts to the queen of diamonds?

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Tim Bourke's Problem

SOLUTION

In a problem setting you can expect clubs to be 4-1 (there is no hope if they are 5-0). So, the layout you want to survive against is akin to:

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      ♠ K 6
      ♥ A K 5
      ♦ 8 5 4
      ♣ Q 7 5 3 2
♠ Q 10 8 7 3      ♠ 9 5 4
♥ 10 6 4          ♥ Q J 9 8
♦ A J 9 7        ♦ Q 10
♣ 9              ♣ J 10 8 4

      ♠ A J 2
      ♥ 7 3 2
      ♦ K 6 3 2
      ♣ A K 6
    
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Obviously, you will play low from dummy to guarantee three spade tricks. On the above deal you will win East's nine with the jack. As you now have five winners in the major suits just four clubs will bring the total to nine. So, even if clubs break 4-1, you should be able to set up four club tricks before the defenders have five.

However there is major obstacle to success on this deal: the blockage in spades. If you play your three top clubs you will never be able to cash the ace of spades. The way to enjoy it on the above layout to cash dummy's king of spades and the ace of clubs before ducking a round of clubs. East wins the club and will switch to the queen of diamonds.

Now it gets a little tricky: if you cover the queen of diamonds with the king the defenders will score four diamond tricks to defeat the contract. So, you must play low from hand. Here East will continue with the ten of diamonds and you must duck again. If East was able to find a third diamond (other than the ace), you will cover it with the king:

then either the king will win the trick or diamonds will be 3-3, limiting the defence to three diamond tricks.

As the cards lie, East will surely shift to a heart next. You will win the shift in dummy and cross to your hand with the king of clubs and play the ace of spades. Finally, you will return to dummy with a heart to cash the queen and seven of clubs, for a total of nine tricks.

Good News, Bad News

Michael Courtney had one of these hands in match 5. The good news was that Michael's partner, Tony Ong, found the best lead. The bad news was that Michael failed to capitalise on Tony's splendid start.

20	♠ JT97632	Dir: W										
	♥ 4	Vul: Both										
	♦ Q92											
	♣ K9											
♠ Q5	♠ 4											
♥ AT92	♥ QJ765											
♦ AJ754	♦ T8											
♣ J2	♣ QT754											
6	♠ AK8	<table border="1"> <tr><td>♠</td><td>NT</td></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>- - 4 1</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>- - 5 4</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>1 - 2 - -</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>1 - 2 - -</td></tr> </table>	♠	NT	N	- - 4 1	S	- - 5 4	E	1 - 2 - -	W	1 - 2 - -
♠	NT											
N	- - 4 1											
S	- - 5 4											
E	1 - 2 - -											
W	1 - 2 - -											
12	♥ K83											
	♦ K63											
17	♣ A863											

David Appleton and Peter Reynolds had been pushed into 5♥ and been doubled for their trouble.

Tony led the ♣K and continued the suit to Michael's Ace. Michael is not amused by the fact that he cashed the ♠A at this point and the contract only went 2 down for +500 against the 650 scored by David and Peter's team-mates who were allowed to play 4♠. Had Michael continued with a third club, declarer would have to ruff with the 9 and then play a spade to set up a ruff in dummy. Michael would take this and play a fourth club. Again declarer would have to ruff and now would not be able to pick up Michael's



♥K, which, together with a diamond trick, would have ensured 3 down and +800.

Ethical Considerations

After yesterday's article about a player reaching for a bid when he was not dealer, Ed Barnes has sent the following addendum:

Congratulations on explaining clearly the onus on players who are in receipt of unauthorised information (UI). It's probably worth noting that in the instance you described, (North starts making a bid - West says, "nope, it's my turn" - West opens with a bid - Pass - Pass - Balance from South...), the director may have had Law #11 in mind when they were eventually called:

LAW 11: FORFEITURE OF THE RIGHT TO RECTIFICATION

*A. Action by Non-Offending Side
The right to rectification of an irregularity may be forfeited if either member of the non-offending side takes any action before summoning the Director.*

The Director does so rule, for example, when the non-offending side may have gained through subsequent action taken by an opponent in ignorance of the relevant provisions of the law.

B. Penalty after Forfeiture of the Right to Rectification

Even after the right to rectification has been forfeited under this Law, the

Director may assess a procedural penalty (see Law 90).

So, South was entitled to be informed (by the director), before his or her turn to call, that North's attempt to bid (rather than pass) out of turn had created some UI. Further, if South wasn't sure what that meant for him/her, s/he could ask the director.

All of that without the legalese: EW should have called the director at the time, to ensure that everyone at the table had their rights protected. When they didn't, they took an opportunity away from the opponents as

well as from themselves. That might be why the director eventually decided not to adjust the score.

Clubbed To Death

The lowly club suit is so often a very minor bit part player but at several tables on Tuesday it took centre stage. Consider this auction from Round 4:

West	North	East	South
P	3♣	1♣	2♣
P	P	x	5♣

East asked what the 3♣ meant and was told that North believed that his partner's clubs were better than East's partner's.

And Cathy Mill was right as 11 tricks rolled home.

And then there was this little number from round 6:



12		♠ QT	Dir: W	
		♥ A2	Vul: N-S	
		♦ AQ94		
		♣ KT765		
♠ 87		♠ 95432		
♥ 7		♥ QT854		
♦ T8653		♦ 2		
♣ QJ843		♣ 92		
15	♠ AKJ6	♣♦♥♠NT		
3 2	♥ KJ963	N 5 6 6 6 7		
	♦ KJ7	S 5 6 6 6 7		
20	♣ A	E - - - - -		
		W - - - - -		

12		♠ J	Dir: W	
		♥ 954	Vul: N-S	
		♦ KQ832		
		♠ KQT4		
♠ QT93		♠ K82		
♥ AKT		♥ J632		
♦ T		♦ AJ654		
♣ A9875		♣ 6		
11	♠ A7654	♣♦♥♠NT		
13 9	♥ Q87	N - - - - -		
	♦ 97	S - - - - -		
7	♣ J32	E 2 2 3 3 3		
		W 2 2 3 3 3		

The room was almost unanimously in slam – the vast majority in 6NT, some in 7 and couple in hearts. There were, however, two really standout results when you scan down the board results.

In the Jane Dawson v Hinge match, Andrew Peake, West opened, as dealer 3♣! This ran to South who had a pretty good takeout double. This ran to North who had a pretty good penalty pass.

Andrew did manage to collect 2 tricks so was “only” 7 down for -1700. Still, if teammates could bid the grand that would be a pickup. It was not to be – in the other room Jane and Kieran Dyke were one of the pairs to opt for 6♥ and fail on the foul break and that was 18 imps to the Hinge team.

More successful was the Helena Dawson declarer who played in 2♣, well 2♣xx if you want to be pedantic. You see this declarer was in the South seat. North opened 1Nt and David Weston responded 2♣ and, for reasons not immediately apparent, West doubled. North redoubled to say he could live with playing this contract and nobody thought of anywhere to go. David came to 10 tricks for +1560 which collected 3 imps when Michael Courtney and Tony Ong bid and made 6NT in the other room.

And while we’re talking big numbers, how do you fancy conceding 1400 at the one level and not redoubled.

David Wiltshire opened the West cards 1♣ and North overcalled 1♦. Mike DOecke passed, praying for partner to double. Partner did. North passed as did Mike. South, however, opted to introduce his splendid spade suit. The penalty pass had set the double toggle to “penalties” and David was happy to do just that.

The ♥A was led and then the ♣A was the prelude to a club ruff. Mike returned a heart to the Queen and King and then received another club ruff. He cashed the ♥J before laying down the diamond Ace and was gratified to give David a diamond ruff for the defence’s eighth trick. David continued clubs and Mike uppercut declarer’s trump Ace with the King and now all the declarer could manage was the long trump.

When Right Is Wrong

David Hoffman

Board 13 in round 6 created an interesting situation. The hand was:



13 Dir: N Vul: Both

♠ 752
♥ J8432
♦ 7
♣ Q863

♠ AKT63
♥ T5
♦ AJT85
♣ 5

♠ QJ94
♥ AKQ9
♦ 32
♣ KJ4

3 ♠ 8
12 16 ♥ 76
9 ♦ KQ964
♣ AT972

♣♦♥♠NT
N - - - -
S - - - -
E 1 4 4 5 5
W 1 4 4 5 5

After a quick auction, East becomes declarer in 6♣. All teaching says lead the ♦K to set up the second defensive trick. However, declarer can win and quickly reach this situation:

Rock Solid Defence
Leigh Matheson

Richard McAuliffe produced an exceptional defence on board 18 of round 6.

18 Dir: E Vul: N-S

♠ KJ5
♥ T8
♦ KJ65
♣ AJT5

♠ T962
♥ AQ963
♦ 873
♣ K

♠ Q87
♥ 7
♦ AT9
♣ Q76432

13 ♠ A43
9 8 ♥ KJ542
10 ♦ Q42
♣ 98

♣♦♥♠NT
N 1 2 1 - 3
S - 2 1 - 2
E - - - -
W - - - -

West	North	East	South
P	3NT	3♣	P

Declarer won the opening spade lead with the Jack. A heart was played to the Jack and Queen. West led the ♣K, taken by the Ace and declarer ran the ♥10 to the Ace. The spade return was won by the King in the closed hand and he continued a diamond to the Queen, leaving:

♠ J8
♥ J8
♦ Q863
♣ Q863

♠ KT
♥ JT85
♦ JT85
♣

♠ Q
♥ 9
♦ 3
♣ KJ4

♠
♥
♦ Q964
♣ AT

Declarer leads the ♦3 and South must duck (else declarer is home with three spades and two diamonds), Declarer then wins with the Jack (yes the 8 makes it easy but, from declarer's viewpoint, any 3-3 or 4-2 in diamonds makes the contract certain. When the diamond split becomes apparent, declarer exits dummy with a diamond to endplay South.

Note that the unnatural lead of the ♣A at trick 1 beats the contract.

♠ 5
♥
♦ KJ6
♣ JT5

♠ T2
♥ 963
♦ 87
♣

♠ Q
♥ AT
♦ AT
♣ Q764

♠ A
♥ K54
♦ 42
♣ 9

The ♣9 was led from South and Richard allowed this to hold, as he did when a diamond was played to the King. To succeed now, declarer must lead a spade but he chose a club and Richard was in control. He cashed the ♣Q and ♦A and then

played a spade to dummy's Ace. Dummy scored the ♠A and ♥K but had to concede the last heart for one down. Richard had used dummy as a stepping stone to partner's heart trick.

In round 5, we saw this auction

West	North	East	South
P	1♣	P	1♠
P	1NT	P	2♣
P	2♠	P	2NT
P	3♠	P	3NT

N/S were playing Acol. 1♣ was 4+ and 1NT was 15-17. 2♠ showed three card support and 2NT was invitational with four spades. 3♠ was an attempt to play (ill-advised!) and 3NT corrected.

The layout was

3 Dir: S Vul: E-W

♠ K54	♠ AJ2
♥ K85	♥ AJT43
♦ A9	♦ JT
♣ AJ964	♣ T85

♠ QT8	♠ 9763
♥ 762	♥ Q9
♦ Q8432	♦ K765
♣ Q7	♣ K32

15	♠	NT
6	♥	NT
11	♦	NT
8	♣	NT

The opening heart lead was won in dummy with the Queen. Declarer then cashed five club tricks. West discarded two diamonds and a heart, while East discarded both his diamonds to leave:

♠ K54	♠	♠ AJ2
♥ K8	♥	♥ AJT4
♦ A9	♦	♦
♣	♣	♣
♠ QT8		♠
♥ 7		♥
♦ Q84		♦
♣		♣
♠ 976		♠
♥ 9		♥
♦ K76		♦
♣		♣

Declarer now led a diamond to the King (without cashing the Ace) and Richard took the opportunity to jettison the ♠J. Declarer led a spade off table and Richard's jettison meant that I could not be deprived of the opportunity to play a heart through for the rest of the tricks. Had Richard discarded the small spade then, however I play, declarer can always arrange for me not to take a spade trick and Richard will have to concede tricks to the ♥K and ♦A.

A Problem For the Less Experienced

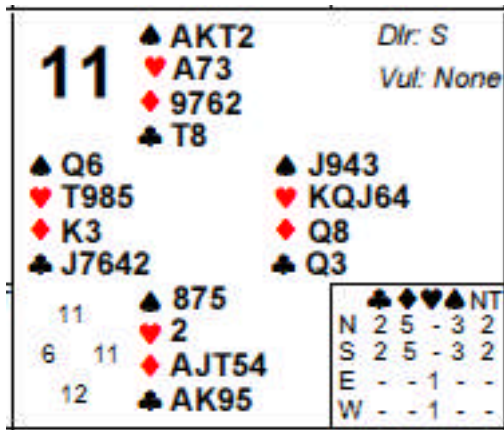
Experienced players may sneer and move on.

Declarer is playing 4♠. He wins the diamond lead with dummy's Ace and concedes a trump to East's Ace. He wins the diamond continuation, draws a trump from each defender and says, being able to lose only two more tricks, "Making 10 tricks, and I'm not going to tell you how." The defenders look at his cards and agree. Hands rotated for convenience – what is declarer going to do?

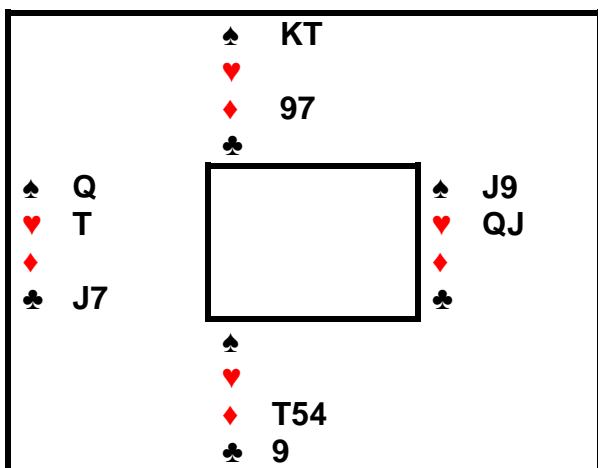
♠ J63		♠ K9
♥ KT8		♥ 962
♦ J		♦ Q
♣ T4		♣ AK3

An Unusual Situation

You hold five hearts to the KQJ, your partner holds four hearts to the 10 and you defend 3♠ after competing in hearts. Would you believe that you take the setting trick by ruffing a heart?



North played 3♠ and received the ♥K lead. The Ace won and declarer ruffed a heart on table. Back to hand with a high trump and another heart was ruffed. The ♣A and ♣K were cashed before declarer led a third club and ruffed it, East over-ruffed and led the ♦Q to dummy's Ace. Declarer continued with the ♦J to West's King to produce:



West played the ♣J and declarer, mindful of the earlier over-ruff discarded a diamond while East discarded a trump. Another club saw the same things happen and then West led his heart, ruffed by declarer and over-ruffed by East.

OK there are a thousand ways for E-W to win from the diagram position but doing it by getting a ruff in the suit in which you had more cards than anyone else is worth at least 10 style points.

A Problem For The Less etc

Declarer will cash the two high clubs and ruff a club. Then he plays a diamond to the Queen and leads a heart, covering whatever card the next hand plays.

Try arranging the missing hearts any way you choose – declarer will always score either a heart trick or a ruff and discard.

Ashley Bach was the somewhat Cavalier claimant while Andy Hung and Liam Milne were the Roundhead acceptors.

The History of Cliff Wake

Every year the Australian Youth Bridge Championships is held the week before the South-West Pacific Teams start (also in Canberra). If you look back on Bulletin 6, you will see this year's winners, in particular, the Australian U25 team this year consists of Jamie Thompson, Stephen Williams, Shane Harrison, Max Henbest, Ella Pattison, and Renee Cooper.

During the Youth Week, we currently have an on-going tradition (since 2011) of holding a Cliff Wake Challenge whereby the winner of the Youth Teams will face off against four (invited) experts in a four-board playoff! The winner of the Youth Teams (not the U25 team) this year was Liam Milne, James Coutts, Nick Jacob, and Paul Gosney whereby the Cliff Wake Challengers was Terry Brown, Avi Kanetkar, Alexander Smirnov, and Ellena Moskovsky.

Cliff Wake was first seen at the last Tumut congress ever held, which was long enough ago that Griff Ware had sent in a badly scrawled physical entry form. Cliff has

attended two weddings and now has a 'trohpy' dedicated in his honour.

The Cliff Wake Playoff was first envisaged during the 2008 Youth Teams, in which there was a tie between the leading teams at the end of the event and the regulations called for a four board playoff. This was extremely exciting and it became clear that we ought to have a tied event every year! The inaugural Cliff Wake Playoff occurred in 2011. The results thus far:

2011: Cliff Wake (Arjuna De Livera, Ian Robinson, Alex Smirnov, Paul Gosney)

Youth Team Champs (Liam Milne, Michael Whibley, Max Henbest, Justin Howard)

13-12 IMPs to the Youth Team Champs.

2012: Cliff Wake (Nathan van Jole, Justin Williams, Lauren Travis, Ellena oskovsky)

Youth Team Champs (Liam Milne, Adam Edgton, Nabil Edgton, Andy Hung)

16-15 IMPs to the Cliff Wake Team.

2013: Cliff Wake (Alex Smirnov, Andy Hung, Paul Gosney, Griff Ware)

Youth Team Champs (Lauren Travis, Ellena Moskovsky, Peter Hollands, Juzz)

17-4 IMPs to the Youth Team Champs.

2014: Cliff Wake (Liam Milne, James Coutts, Alex Smirnov, Griff Ware)

Youth Team Champs (Shane Harrison, Sam Schulz, Rhys Cooper, Ella Pattison)

2.5-1.5 Board-a-Match to the Cliff Wake Team.

We first started out the Cliff Wake Challenge with IMPs scoring, but have recently changed to Board-a-Match scoring.

Here is the report of the 2015 Cliff Wake Challenge:

The Youth Team (James Coutts, Nick Jacob, Liam Milne, Paul Gosney)

Cliff Wake Challengers (Alex Smirnov, Ellena Moskovsky, Terry Brown, Avi Kanetkar)

The scoring of the Cliff is Board-a-Match. This means you score a 1 if your team wins a board (i.e. the net result of your team's score on the board), a 0 if your team loses a board, and a 1/2 if the board is flat (e.g. +450 and -460 is not "flat" – that would be a loss).

Board: 1

Dir: N

Vul: None

♠ 752	♠ QT94	♠ 3
♥ K74	♥ J983	♥ AQ106
♦ J94	♦ AQ	♦ 8763
♣ Q986	♣ KT5	♣ J742
	□	
	♠ AKJ86	
	♥ 52	
	♦ KT52	
	♣ A3	

Kanetkar Milne	Jacob Moskovsky	Brown Coutts	Gosney Smirnov
W	N	E	S
-	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Both tables had identical auctions on the first board with South declaring in 4♠, and both declarers received a trump lead.

Both declarers drew two more rounds of trumps with both Easts discarding diamonds. Dummy's top two diamonds were cashed but the play diverged from there.

In the Open Room, Paul Gosney exited with a heart as Terry took the ♥A, returned a heart and Paul claimed the remaining tricks for +450.

In the Closed Room, Sneaky Smirnov tried for a misdefence. After James Coutts discarded two diamonds, cashing the ♦AQ with both opponents following meant that the ♦J was falling down on the third round.



Smirnov now played a fourth round of trumps and watched the discards. James discarded a heart as Liam discarded a club.

Smirnov now cashed two rounds of diamonds on which James discarded the ♥10 followed by the ♥Q. A heart was exited to James' now bare Ace but with James guarding clubs and Liam guarding the hearts, no squeeze or misdefence had eventuated. +450 for Challengers so Board 1 was flat.

Running Score After Board 1:
Youth Team ½ v ½ **Cliff Wake**
Challengers

Board: 2

Dir: E

Vul: N-S

♠ AKQJ7 ♥ 106 ♦ 1075 ♣ A64	♠ 92 ♥ A53 ♦ KQ2 ♣ QJ873 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> ♠ 103 ♥ QJ84 ♦ J643 ♣ 952
♠ 8654 ♥ K972 ♦ A98 ♣ K10	

Open Room:

W	N	E	S
-	-	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room:

W	N	E	S
-	-	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Both Wests opened a strong 1NT and this ended the auction in the Open Room.

Nick Jacob led his fourth best club to the king and ducked, the ♣10 returned taken by declarer's ace as five spades took the next

five tricks.

The Youth Team discarded accurately so declarer took what he began with, six tricks for +50 to the Youth team.

In the Closed Room, Smirnov took no hesitation in balancing with 2♣ showing both majors. Upon first sight, it might seem dangerous or reckless to be bidding with South's balanced hand *and* at unfavourable vulnerability (and it sure would be if it were IMPs or Matchpoints), but at BAM, it is an entirely different story. This was what Alex had to say:

"For me, it is 100% clear to balance with this hand but only at BAM. Defending 1NT at BAM at best will only be ½ a point (if the other table passes out too), and it could easily lose if we have a partscore ourselves.

The upsides about bidding is (a) you can find a partscore for your side if partner has a 4 or a 5-card major, or (b) you force the opponents to some other contract at the 2 or 3-level which can be beneficial.

Essentially, you are only risking ½ a point for good chances to win the board for 1 point.

Another but less strong factor for bidding here is that Milne had opened 1NT in third seat favourable, which could be based on anything! If so, I wanted to protect our equity and find our partscore."

As it turned out, 2♥ looks to be an easy make but as Milne balanced with 2♠, he played it there and had the same 6 top tricks. +100 to Challengers.

Running Score After Board 2:
Youth Team ½ v 1½ **Cliff Wake**
Challengers



Board: 3

Dir: S
Vul: E-W

♠ 83 ♥ A5 ♦ AJ987 ♣ AK53	♠ J74 ♥ Q97432 ♦ - ♣ QJ86 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	♠ AKQ95 ♥ KT86 ♦ KQ ♣ 92
	♠ T62 ♥ J ♦ T65432 ♣ T74	

Two different opening bids on this hand determined the difficult of reaching the slam on this board.

Open Room:

Kanetkar	Jacob	Brown	Gosney
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	3♥	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Closed Room:

Milne	Moskovsky	Coutts	Smirnov
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	Pass
1NT	3♥	6NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Avi Kanetkar opened 1♦ and after Nick Jacob pre-empted with 3♥, Terry Brown not unreasonably chose to bid 3NT. Obviously there are other alternatives Terry could have chosen, but none of them are clear actions.

For example, if you choose to bid 3♠, what is partner meant to do if he had a balanced 12-14 point hand with no heart stopper? Or what about a jump to 4NT over the 3♥ bid as natural and quantitative? On paper it might seem it's a neat bid, but some partnerships play this as Blackwood, or if not, sometimes 4NT could be too high of a contract also.

In the Closed Room, Liam ended all of the future troubles by opening West's hand with a strong 1NT. Even after Ellena's 3♥ preemptive overcall, James did not want to get into a murky auction and chose a

practical 6NT.

The play in both rooms was almost identical. A heart lead went to the jack and ace, the ♦KQ were then unblocked, then a club was played back to hand which was followed by a heart finesse.

The ♥K was then cashed but as the spades were 3-3, no squeeze or double squeeze had eventuated. -720 to the Youth team and -1470 to the Challengers.

Running Score After Board 3:
 Youth Team 1½ v 1½ Cliff Wake Challengers

At this point, it was a complete tie (1.5 points to both sides). If the last board turned out to be a draw, then the intention was that a 1-board sudden death playoff would occur.

Here was the final board:

Board: 4

Dir: W
Vul: All

♠ Q962 ♥ 975 ♦ A106 ♣ K98	♠ AJ1054 ♥ 103 ♦ KQ987 ♣ A <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	♠ 73 ♥ K86 ♦ 543 ♣ Q10652
	♠ K8 ♥ AQJ42 ♦ J2 ♣ J743	

Open Room:

Kanetkar	Jacob	Brown	Gosney
W	N	E	S
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	



Closed Room:

Milne	Moskovsky	Coutts	Smirnov
W	N	E	S
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The auction was the same up until 3♦. Paul chose to bid 3♠ as the least of all evils. The hearts were not good enough to treat as a strong 5-carder for a 3♥ rebid, and the clubs were not robust enough to bid 3NT. Nick, thinking an eight-card fit had been found, tried for a slam with a 4♣ cuebid but Paul signed off with 4♠.

In the Closed Room, Alex always gives his jacks the respect that they deserve and closed the auction with 3NT.

Against 3NT, Liam led the ♠6. Usually it is a good idea not to lead your opponent's suit(s) against a NT contract, but nothing was particularly attractive looking at that West's hand!

Yes, we do see that a low club lead would fare better due to the singleton ♣A, but if South actually had stronger clubs, then the club lead could give away an unnecessary trick – remember, it is Board-a-Match!

Alex inserted the ♠J which won and played a diamond to the jack which also won. A diamond to the ten and king was followed by the ♥10 with everyone playing small.

With four tricks in the bag, Alex, still uncertain about the location of the ♥K (Liam could have easily ducked with ♥Kxx), continued with a diamond. Milne won and continued with a spade to Alex's king.

A club to the ace was now played followed by two more diamonds.

This was the four-card ending:

Board: 4

Dir: W
Vul: All

♠ A105		♠ -
♥ 3		♥ K8
♦ -		♦ -
♣ -		♣ Q10
♠ Q2		♠ -
♥ 9		♥ AQJ
♦ -		♦ -
♣ K		♣ J

Alex now cashed the ♠A which James discarded the ♣10 and Alex the ♣J. Based on the play and the discards thus far, Alex was almost certain that Liam had a spade, a heart, and a club remaining in his hand. But was that heart a small heart, or the ♥K?

Discarding down to the singleton ♥K is certainly possible because Liam would not have discarded the ♣K instead. If he did, his last four cards would be ♠Q2 and ♥Kx and now Alex would easily play the ♠A and exit with a spade, endplaying Liam into leading a heart.

As it was, time stood still and eventually Alex played a heart to the ace. 10 tricks for +630 to the Challengers.

Here is what happened in the Open Room. The diagram is repeated again for convenience:

Board: 4

Dir: W
Vul: All

♠ AJ1054		♠ 73
♥ 103		♥ K86
♦ KQ987		♦ 543
♣ A		♣ Q10652
♠ Q962		♠ K8
♥ 975		♥ AQJ42
♦ A106		♦ J2
♣ K98		♣ J743

Nick was declaring in 4♠ by North as Terry



led a club to the king and ace, and Nick played a diamond to the jack and Avi's ace. Avi now returned a club, and not wanting to shorten his trumps and rely on the heart finesse, Nick discarded a heart which had the effect of losing a trick but setting up the ♣J.

Terry now switched to a heart as Nick rose ace, ♠K, spade finesse, ♠A and conceded one more trump for 10 tricks and +620 to the Youth Team, which also meant that it was a win for the Challengers as +630 beats +620 (BAM scoring).

At the point of the heart switch, 11 tricks can still be made though it is a bit double dummy. The heart finesse needs to be taken, followed by the ♥A and a heart ruff. ♦K is now cashed, then a diamond ruffed with the ♠8. The ♣J is now taken discarding a diamond and this would be the 4-card ending with the lead from South:

Board: 4
 Dir: W
 Vul: All

♠ Q962		♠ AJ105
♥ -		♥ -
♦ -		♦ -
♣ -		♣ -
		♠ 73
		♥ -
		♦ -
		♣ 106
		♠ K
		♥ J4
		♦ -
		♣ 7

A heart or a club is led ruffed with the ♠J, now ♠5 to dummy's king completes the trump coup. +650 would have changed the result and the outcome of the Cliff Wake Challenge!

Final Score:
 Youth Team 1½ v 2½ Cliff Wake Challengers

Thank you to Terry and Avi for coming to the Youth Week to participate in the Cliff Wake Challenge, as well as Alex and Ellena to be a part of the Cliff Wake.



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South-West Pacific Teams Championship

Place	Team	VPs	Place	Team	VPs
1	LORENTZ (4)	131.39	48	OBENCHAIN (43)	96.57
2	THOMSON (3)	130.03	49	BENTLEY (74)	96.56
3	THOMPSON (9)	128.89	50	JAIN (95)	96.35
4	BLOOM (2)	124.05	51	KHEMKA (80)	96.14
5	NEILL (7)	121.39	52	WRIGHT (110)	95.27
6	MILNE (1)	120.28	53	FINIKIOTIS (44)	95.12
7	HOFFMAN (13)	119.97	54	LUCK (58)	95.11
8	MORRISON (15)	119.93	55	MOTTERAM (75)	93.42
9	LAZER (6)	119.74	56	BRAUN (24)	93.2
10	GIURA (22)	118.06	57	RIDLEY (60)	93.04
11	FREELAND (49)	117.64	58	MCGLEW (117)	92.87
12	LAMBARDI (5)	116.15	59	KUDELKA (71)	91.85
13	KLOFA (26)	116.09	60	FREE (17)	91.61
14	HINGE (8)	115.89	61	KEN ANDERSON (94)	91.31
15	HAFFER (14)	115.77	62	DALZIELL (124)	90.75
16	JENNY THOMPSON (35)	114.99	63	SMITH (63)	90.69
17	GUE (10)	114.18	64	SHAW (81)	90.34
18	KAHLER (34)	114.1	65	LIMAYE (51)	90.26
19	CARTER (12)	112.28	66	HELENA DAWSON (40)	90.1
20	SEBESFI (52)	111.4	67	VAN VUCHT (46)	89.35
21	WATTS (16)	109.26	68	MORGAN-KING (76)	89.11
22	KROLIKOWSKI (48)	108.14	69	ANDREW MILL (30)	89.07
23	PATTISON (62)	107.62	70	ROBSON (32)	88.89
24	KRISHAN (31)	107.49	71	LEMON (90)	88.74
25	FAHRER (18)	107.25	72	STEWART (96)	88.53
26	WATERS (38)	105.9	73	COOK (104)	88.21
27	PETER GRANT (21)	105.24	74	WHITE (83)	88.04
28	TRAVIS (20)	104.12	75	IRVINE (123)	87.41
29	PESTON (72)	103.8	76	RHODES (79)	87.24
30	SMEE (36)	103.71	77	SMALL (54)	86.95
31	WALLIS (19)	103.16	78	THOMAS (50)	86.74
32	FORDHAM (25)	103.09	79	BODYCOTE (37)	86.01
33	HORWITZ (28)	102.4	80	MCLEISH (23)	85.92
34	ALISON FALLON (47)	101.6	81	MORDO (100)	85.76
35	LA PEYRE (56)	101.37	82	BARRETT (111)	84.62
36	WALSH (27)	101.16	83	CHOWN (101)	84.35
37	BUGEIA (87)	101.06	84	HELEN STEWART (73)	83.55
38	HUDSON (61)	100.9	85	CALLANDER (42)	83
39	COUTTS (11)	100.67	86	GRAHAME (67)	82.46
40	JANE DAWSON (29)	100.05	87	CLIFTON (59)	82.34
41	FRAZER (55)	99.9	88	GUNSON (116)	82.14
42	ASKEW (39)	99.52	89	NEALE (115)	82.13
43	JACKMAN (33)	99.22	90	THORP (64)	82.04
44	ASSAEE (82)	99.09	91	MOFFAT (69)	80.94
45	JAPPE (41)	98.85	92	BARON (77)	80.86
46	MAYO (45)	98.36	93	AFFLICK (107)	80.85
47	SULLIVAN (70)	96.82	94	MITCHELL (86)	80.46

South-West Pacific Teams Championship (cont)

Place	Team	VPs	Place	Team	VPs
95	FOSTER (57)	80.03	115	PANG (119)	71.53
96	ANDREW (91)	79.54	115=	BARBER (132)	71.53
97	ST CLAIR (66)	79.22	117	TOUGH (121)	69.99
98	CARIOLA (109)	78.4	118	THATCHER (108)	69.6
99	GRANT (103)	78.19	119	ANDERSON (127)	69.47
100	OTOOLE (113)	77.51	120	THORNE (93)	69.32
101	MCAULIFFE (129)	77.43	121	SCALES (122)	67.6
102	WHITMEE (98)	77.23	122	BEEBY (131)	67.31
103	VAN DER HOR (97)	77.12	123	GARIEPY (85)	65.74
103=	BOYCE (120)	77.12	124	DAVIS (128)	65.21
105	CHETTLE (78)	75.57	125	KYNASTON (133)	65.06
106	HUTCHINS (106)	74.39	126	PERCIVAL (130)	64.74
107	NARITA (53)	73.88	127	BETTY MILL (92)	61.37
108	BANDY (88)	73.78	128	BUCHANAN (112)	61.04
109	ALISON DAWSON (65)	73.64	129	BLACK (114)	60.09
110	COATS (68)	73.29	130	DUGGAN (126)	58.64
111	ATKINS (99)	73.01	131	KNAGGS (102)	57.22
112	CARROLL (105)	72.46	132	DI FALLON (125)	50.05
113	HART (89)	72.28	133	*HOUSE (134)	41.53
114	MCDONALD (84)	71.82	134	BUTCHER (118)	38.11

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